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**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph of Abstract with the following:

A feeder assembly ~~having a collapsible n-operable shade to selectively shield a feed container is disclosed.~~ The feeder assembly includes a feed container and a collapsible shade. The shade is operable from an extended position to a collapsed position and positioned such that, when extended, the shade substantially covers the feed container thereby limiting the impingement of direct sunlight or rain on the feed container. By limiting the amount of direct sunlight or rain impinged on the feed container, the freshness of the feed can be more efficiently maintained.